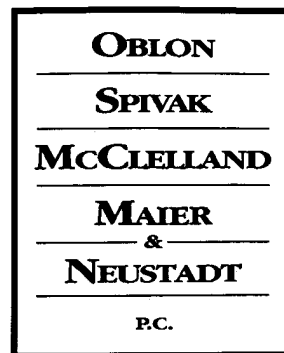




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Examiner: Richards, N. Drew

SIR:

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In response to the election requirement dated June 29, 2005, Applicants elect Species X as shown in Figure 12H, for further examination on the merits. Applicants identify Claims 17-21 as readable on the elected species. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected species.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 17-21 is believed to be in order and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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